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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2005

Ms. BERKLEY (for herself and Mr. VISCLOSKY) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8332(b) of title 5, United
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
5 (16);

6 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
7 graph (17) and inserting “; and”;

8 (3) by adding after paragraph (17) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(18) any period of service performed before
11 1977, while a citizen of the United States, in the
12 employ of Air America, Incorporated, Air Asia Com-
13 pany Limited (a subsidiary of Air America, Incor-
14 porated), or the Pacific Division of Southern Air
15 Transport, Incorporated, at a time when that cor-
16 poration (or subsidiary) was owned or controlled by
17 the Government of the United States and operated
18 or managed by the Central Intelligence Agency.”;
19 and

20 (4) by adding at the end the following: “For
21 purposes of this subchapter, service of the type de-
22 scribed in paragraph (18) of this subsection shall be
23 considered to have been service as an employee, and
24 the Office of Personnel Management shall accept the
25 certification of the Director of Central Intelligence
26 or his designee concerning any such service.”.

1 (b) EXEMPTION FROM DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT.—

2 Section 8334(g) of title 5, United States Code, is amend-
3 ed—

4 (1 by striking “or” at the end of paragraph (5);

5 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
6 graph (6) and inserting “; or”; and

7 (3) by adding after paragraph (6) the following:

8 “(7) any service for which credit is allowed
9 under section 8332(b)(18) of this title.”.

10 **SEC. 2. APPLICABILITY.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in
12 this section, the amendments made by this Act shall apply
13 with respect to annuities commencing on or after the effec-
14 tive date of this Act.

15 (b) PROVISIONS RELATING TO CURRENT ANNU-
16 ITANTS.—Any individual who is entitled to an annuity for
17 the month in which this Act becomes effective may, upon
18 application submitted to the Office of Personnel Manage-
19 ment within 2 years after the effective date of this Act,
20 have the amount of such annuity recomputed as if the
21 amendments made by this Act had been in effect through-
22 out all periods of service on the basis of which such annu-
23 ity is or may be based. Any such recomputation shall be
24 effective as of the commencement date of the annuity, and
25 any additional amounts becoming payable for periods be-

1 fore the first month for which the recomputation is re-
 2 flected in the individual's regular monthly annuity pay-
 3 ments shall be payable to such individual in the form of
 4 a lump-sum payment.

5 (c) PROVISIONS RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS ELIGI-
 6 BLE FOR (BUT NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING) AN ANNU-
 7 ITY.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any individual (not de-
 9 scribed in subsection (b)) who becomes eligible for
 10 an annuity or for an increased annuity as a result
 11 of the enactment of this Act may elect to have such
 12 individual's rights under subchapter III of chapter
 13 83 of title 5, United States Code, determined as if
 14 the amendments made by this Act had been in ef-
 15 fect, throughout all periods of service on the basis
 16 of which such annuity is or would be based, by sub-
 17 mitting an appropriate application to the Office of
 18 Personnel Management within 2 years after—

19 (A) the effective date of this Act; or

20 (B) if later, the date on which such indi-
 21 vidual separates from service.

22 (2) COMMENCEMENT DATE, ETC.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Any entitlement to an
 24 annuity or to an increased annuity resulting
 25 from an application under paragraph (1) shall

1 be effective as of the commencement date of
2 such annuity (subject to subparagraph (B), if
3 applicable), and any amounts becoming payable
4 for periods before the first month for which reg-
5 ular monthly annuity payments begin to be
6 made in accordance with the amendments made
7 by this Act shall be payable to such individual
8 in the form of a lump-sum payment.

9 (B) RETROACTIVITY.—Any determination
10 of the amount, or of the commencement date,
11 of any annuity, all the requirements for entitle-
12 ment to which (including separation, but dis-
13 regarding any application requirement) would
14 have been satisfied before the effective date of
15 this Act if this Act had then been in effect (but
16 would not then otherwise have been satisfied
17 absent this Act) shall be made as if application
18 for such annuity had been submitted as of the
19 earliest date that would have been allowable,
20 after such individual's separation from service,
21 if such amendments had been in effect through-
22 out the periods of service referred to in the first
23 sentence of paragraph (1).

24 (d) RIGHT TO FILE ON BEHALF OF A DECEDENT.—

25 The regulations under section 4(a) shall include provi-

1 sions, consistent with the order of precedence set forth in
2 section 8342(c) of title 5, United States Code, under
3 which a survivor of an individual who performed service
4 described in section 8332(b)(18) of such title (as amended
5 by section 1) shall be allowed to submit an application on
6 behalf of and to receive any lump-sum payment that would
7 otherwise have been payable to the decedent under sub-
8 section (b) or (c). Such an application shall not be valid
9 unless it is filed within 2 years after the effective date
10 of this Act or 1 year after the date of the decedent's death,
11 whichever is later.

12 **SEC. 3. FUNDING.**

13 (a) LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS.—Any lump-sum pay-
14 ments under section 2 shall be payable out of the Civil
15 Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

16 (b) UNFUNDED LIABILITY.—Any increase in the un-
17 funded liability of the Civil Service Retirement System at-
18 tributable to the enactment of this Act shall be financed
19 in accordance with section 8348(f) of title 5, United States
20 Code.

21 **SEC. 4. REGULATIONS AND SPECIAL RULE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
23 (b), the Director of the Office of Personnel Management,
24 in consultation with the Director of Central Intelligence,
25 shall prescribe any regulations necessary to carry out this

1 Act. Such regulations shall include provisions under which
2 rules similar to those established pursuant to section 201
3 of the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986
4 shall be applied with respect to any service described in
5 section 8332(b)(18) of title 5, United States Code (as
6 amended by section 1) that was subject to title II of the
7 Social Security Act.

8 (b) OTHER REGULATIONS.—The Director of Central
9 Intelligence, in consultation with the Director of the Office
10 of Personnel Management, shall prescribe any regulations
11 which may become necessary, with respect to any retire-
12 ment system administered by the Director of Central In-
13 telligence, as a result of the enactment of this Act.

14 (c) SPECIAL RULE.—For purposes of any application
15 for any benefit which is computed or recomputed taking
16 into account any service described in section 8332(b)(18)
17 of title 5, United States Code (as amended by section 1),
18 section 8345(i)(2) of such title shall be applied by deeming
19 the reference to the date of the “other event which gives
20 rise to title to the benefit” to refer to the effective date
21 of this Act, if later than the date of the event that would
22 otherwise apply.

23 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

24 For purposes of this Act—

1 (1) the terms “unfunded liability”, “survivor”,
2 and “survivor annuitant” have the meanings given
3 to them by section 8331 of title 5, United States
4 Code; and

5 (2) the term “annuity”, as used in subsections
6 (b) and (c) of section 2, includes a survivor annuity.

7 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 This Act shall take effect on the first day of the first
9 fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of
10 this Act.

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